

Questions

1. Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-10. Can you look back and identify an example of God's greatness being magnified before others through some weakness or sorrow in your life?
2. How do Genesis 21:1-2 emphasize God's greatness in keeping His Word? When things go well in your life, are you quick to remind other people that it was God's work to provide you with victories?
3. Identify two or three Bible passages that plainly assure God's people of full forgiveness and redemption. Do you make it a point to meditate on them, especially at times when you are tempted to move away from the Lord out of shame?
4. Read Galatians 4:21-31, where Paul used Isaac and Ishmael to illustrate a key point he was trying to teach the "foolish Galatians" (3:1). They were being lured into the false idea that they had to observe God's law to be saved, rather than being saved by faith alone in Christ alone. How does this passage warn you against such legalism and point you toward the freedom of the gospel?
5. As you consider Abimelech's dealings with Abraham and Abraham's response, do unbelievers around you see God's had at work in your life AND hear testimony to His greatness and your worship of Him? Are there other ways you can be pointing to God's faithfulness in your life?

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By Faith

Genesis 12-25

God is With You

Genesis 21

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Through three scenes from the life of Abraham in Genesis 21, we are reminded that everything God does through His people is intended to stir up worship, while bringing a wider witness of God's greatness.

God works mightily through weak vessels who can be fearful, and who do foolish things. That way, God's strength and grace are magnified through our weakness.

1. God's Word is kept so everyone will know the great things He did (21:1-7).

2. God's Warranty (guaranteeing Ishmael's life) will be an ongoing testimony of His abiding mercy and faithfulness (21:8-21)

3. God's Witness is manifest through His blessing of Abraham and Abraham's worship (21:22-34)